

SENATE RESOLUTION 140

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Zeth Akins on winning
Second Place in the Junior Category I of the
2009 International Aviation Art Contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those Tennessee students, who through their extraordinary creative efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging artists of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Zeth Akins is one such young Tennessean; a student in Jeannie Hardin's art class at Cedar Bluff Elementary School in Knoxville, he recently won Second Place in the Junior Category I of the 2009 International Aviation Art Contest; and

WHEREAS, Zeth went on to earn this international honor after winning Second Place in the Junior Category I of the United States National Competition of the 2009 International Aviation Art Contest; and

WHEREAS, the International Aviation Art Contest, an event of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), is co-sponsored in the United States by the National Association of State Aviation Officials Center for Aviation Research and Education and the National Aeronautics Association; and

WHEREAS, the International Aviation Art Contest encourages young people, ages six to seventeen, from all over the world to reflect on aviation by having them design a piece of art based on the year's chosen theme; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the world's top air sport athletes will gather in Turin, Italy, to compete in the FAI World Air Games, the largest air sports event in the world, and this year's International Aviation Art Contest theme, "Create a Poster for the World Air Games," seeks to

capture the excitement and possibilities of this remarkable sporting event in the art work the contest inspires; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a unique and inspiring artistic vision, Zeth accomplished the goal of this year's contest beautifully; his prize-winning poster represents all the wonder and glory of the FAI World Air Games, and his submission certainly bodes well for his future creative endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Zeth Akins for his dedication to artistic expression; moreover, in his outstanding showing in this esteemed competition, he has served as an exceptional ambassador of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Zeth Akins on winning Second Place in the Junior Category I of the 2009 International Aviation Art Contest and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.